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The Honorable Mark Jansen  
Chair  
Senate Standing Committee,  
Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing  
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Dear Senator Jansen:

The Economic Alliance for Michigan (EAM) is a private non-profit corporation founded by companies and unions in the for-profit sector. EAM focuses on cooperative, action-oriented endeavors to improve the reality and image of Michigan as a place to do business and be employed. EAM supports Senate Bill 2 as amended. We believe that Senate Bill 2 will allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to help meet the health care needs of the citizens of the State of Michigan. Thank you for your leadership and your staff's work on the bill.

EAM feels that it is important for APRNs to have a scope of practice defined within statute. The newly defined scope of practice will result in APRNs practicing within his or her education, training and certification. Senate Bill 2 will bring Michigan into alignment with national professional nursing standards. The addition of language requiring a two year mentorship program for APRNs before they are allow to independently prescribe and practice and will ensure that APRNs will provide effective service without compromising quality of care.

It is our hope that as a result of the passage of this legislation that licensed APRNs will continue to work along with other health care professionals in a collaborative care model. This bill is one of a number of important steps Michigan needs to take to allow access to quality primary health care to the citizens of the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Bret Jackson  
President  
Economic Alliance for Michigan